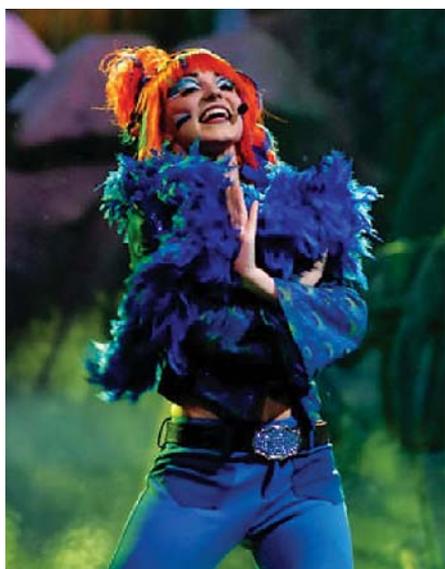


The Harradine Sisters

Maigen Harradine (pictured below) graduated from Year 12 in 2003. She enrolled at Sydney University in 2004 to do a 4 year Bachelor of Applied Sciences – Speech Pathology Degree. Maigen graduated in 2007 and was offered a graduate position at RPA and Concord Hospitals where she currently works with an acute adult caseload and at present specifically neurology, neuro-surgery and acute stroke unit.



Lyndell Harradine (pictured below) graduated from Year 12 in 2006. She enrolled in a 1 year full-time performance course at ED5 International for 2007. In September of 2007 Lyndell auditioned for Universal Studios and in the November was offered a 13 month contract to feature in Musical Theatre at Universal Studios, Osaka, Japan. She took up the contract in February 2008 and is due to return home in March 2009. Lyndell is currently doing what she loves best, singing and dancing.



Tania Palmer Year 12, 1983

It's a long way from Campbelltown, Australia to Siem Reap, Cambodia but that's where ex St Patties student Tania Palmer has found herself. Tania and her Cambodian husband Rem, run the GREEN GECKO Project which is a home, school and family to 60 former street children in Siem Reap, Cambodia.

Back in August 2004 Tania responded to an article she read about an orphanage in need in Cambodia. After a month Tania returned home, in body but not in spirit. By February 2005, Tania had packed up her life, home and office desk to return back to Cambodia. No plan, no goal and no idea of what the future would bring. She described 'the calling' as being so strong that it defied all reasonable logic. Back in her St Patrick's days, Tania recalls a conversation she had with Sister



Magdalena, "Sister, why did you become a Nun?" the answer Tania received was that Sister had a "calling" from God. Bemused Tania wondered, "Did he call up on the telephone?" 28 years later, Tania understood what Sister had meant.

The majority of the children Tania cares for are as young as 5 years old (and carrying siblings even younger) – the primary breadwinners for their families. They would be begging on the streets till dawn or

Maria Curtis nee Palmer left in 1972 and writes that the 4 years spent at St Patrick's set her up for life. Maria even became an Oblate of the Good Samaritan Sisters.



Tania and her Cambodian husband Rem

rummaging through garbage to collect recyclables. Their living conditions were often desperate, either living in very poor housing or no housing at all, their family situations rife with domestic violence, alcoholism, gambling, and other abuse and addiction problems. Some of the children slept unaccompanied on the pavement, defenceless to abduction, abuse and disease.

The GREEN GECKO project strives to empower these children with the skills, education, values and self esteem they need to break the begging cycle and become proactive members of society and in turn help others in need. The GREEN GECKO project also provides shelter, care and stability, positive role models, micro businesses, family support,

nutrition packs, medical treatment, a loving safe environment and the opportunity to play and belong.

Tania is a strong believer that with the right intention you can make things happen.

Green Gecko relies on generosity to keep the doors open, anyone wishing to donate, sponsor or volunteer their skills can email: info@greengeckoproject.org

Lauren Crawford left in 2003. After a near fatal car crash in 2003, Lauren is well on her way to recovery. Her achievements include completing a TAFE course in Design Foundation studies, working 2 days a week and completing the City 2 Surf the last two years.